

WORK DONE AT ANNUAL CONVENTION OF STATE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRACTICAL INTEREST TO ALL FRIENDS OF NEW MEXICO'S SCHOOLS

School Directors' Day, Splendid Suggestion by Superintendent Tipton Before the Educational Association

Otero County Official Has Practical Idea for Educators Which Makes a Hit and Whose Adoption Is a Foregone Conclusion; Will Have Effect of Bringing Boards More Closely in Touch With Actual Work of Teachers and Pupils.

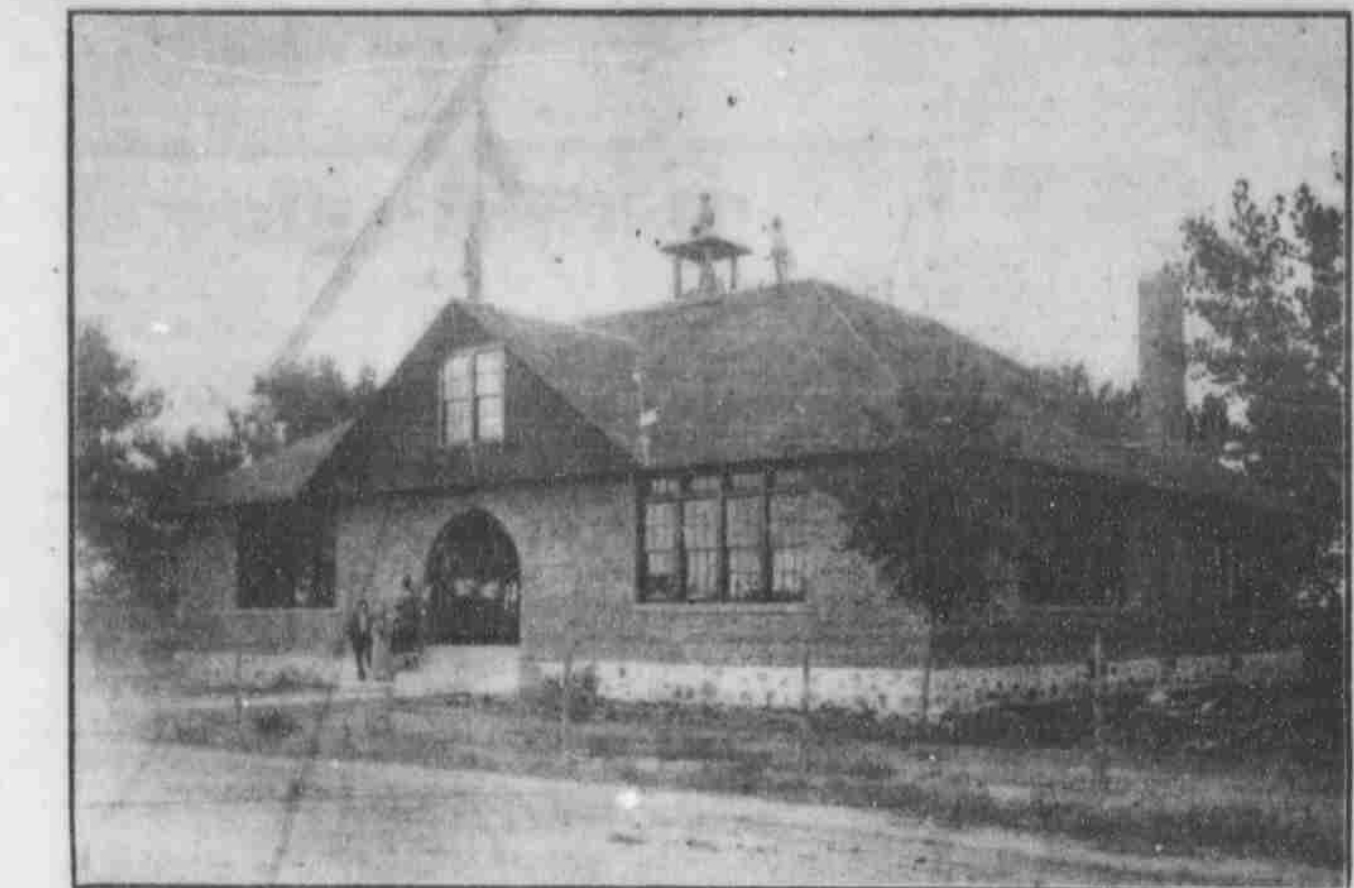
(Paper before County Superintendent's section, N. M. E. A., by R. S. Tipton, superintendent Otero county schools.)

"Why a School Directors' Day?" we understand a day designated by some one in authority, as a time for directors all over the state to visit their respective schools for some definite purpose.

What is meant by "Practical"? Any thing may be said to be practical if its service to mankind is sufficient to justify its cost. A thing is not necessarily practical because it is unworkable. A graded and macadamized

ment on same. Very respectfully,
ALVAN N. WHITE,
Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Albuquerque, N. M.

School No.
District No.
Teacher
1. Number of children on school census
2. Number of children enrolled in school
3. Number of children present this day
4. Are all the children comfortably seated?
5. Is the stove large enough to heat the room?
6. Is the stove in the proper place?
7. How many window panes are missing?
8. Is the floor in good condition?
9. Is there plenty of good blackboard?
10. Can the small children reach the board?
11. Has the teacher a register?
12. Has the teacher a chair and table?
13. Is there plenty of crayons?
14. Is there plenty of good water?
15. Is the arrangement for drinking satisfactory?
16. Is there a good lock on the door and fastenings for the windows?
17. Are the play grounds kept clean?
18. Are the outbuildings well kept and sanitary?
19. Is the school do-



The New Bernalillo County District School at Alameda, Finca Rural School in New Mexico, Where 170 Pupils Are Now Receiving Instruction in Modern and Sanitary Surroundings.

ed road from Mr. Smith's ranch to his neighbors and to town would be a serviceable but not practical if Mr. Smith alone had it to build, it would cost him more than the value of his ranch.

We have already on our school calendar quite a number of days each, of course, having a different purpose. Thanksgiving day, Christmas day, New Year's day, Lincoln's day, Washington's day, Peace day, Fire day, Arbor day, Mother's day, Decoration day and we are now awaiting Directors' day and others, and perhaps before we are expecting it, or ready to go, it will be the Judgment day.

Is all these days practical? Does the good derived from each justify the time it takes to observe it? Or do some of them hold their places on the calendar because of a rather overabundance of sentimentality on the part of their promoters? If it can be shown that each of these days is practical, then you need not be surprised if I should be able to tell you how to make practical a Directors' day.

I have stated that for a thing to be practical its use must justify its cost. What would a Directors' day cost? Not in dollars and cents but in time and energy that might otherwise be used in some other way. Perhaps more, perhaps less, beneficial to our schools than a Directors' day. Fifty to announce that September 13 is to be observed by all the schools as Directors' day, and request directors and teachers to kindly observe same would not be productive of results, and hence not practical. Perhaps the following plan might be suggestive of one that would bring a large per cent of the directors to the school on the day designated, and cause them to make observations that otherwise they would possibly overlook. It might also act as a spur to greater energy on the part of the teachers and pupils.

The Plan.
Is the superintendent of public instruction sent to each county superintendent the following letter and blank.

The Letter.

To County Superintendent:—
His department has thought it inadvisable to designate September 13th, 1913, as Directors' day for all schools in the state of New Mexico. The department of education believes that this paper observation of this day will result in great good to our schools. In order to make this day a success it will be necessary to have some definite aim in view, to this end we are enclosing blanks for you to send to each of your directors and teachers, together with a personal letter from you, calling their attention to this state-wide movement, and urging them to visit their respective schools on the day here-in designated, and try and there to make careful observations especially on the points mentioned on the enclosed blank, and also close of the day to fill out the blanks and return them to the county superintendent. Not later than 30 days after such Directors' day the county superintendent will report to the state superintendent the number of directors visiting the schools on said day giving the name and number of said districts together with your com-

ing as well as you could reasonably expect under the circumstances.

(Signed) JIM JOHNSON,
CLYDE HUNTER,
J. C. DOMORE.

All of whom were present on above date.

The cost of this plan, in money, would be about \$12.55 for the state and about \$36 for each county. In time and energy it would cost the department of education about one day for one man, preparing and making blanks to county superintendents and it would cost each county superintendent about one day's work to pass it on to their respective directors and teachers, and it would cost the school on the day designated, one day's loss of time from their other duties, and it would cost the teacher quite a bit of anxiety and preparation to have her school in the best trim possible for the day, so far as her regular work would be concerned, and it would give her an opportunity to show up the material needs of her school to the greatest possible advantage.

There need be no loss of time from regular lessons on this day as is necessary in the observance of so many of the other days, but rather this should be made a special day for giving emphasis to the regular work. The teacher should make it a point to see that some attention be given to the industrial work on this day, putting special emphasis upon the necessity for adequate equipment for this work.

So much for the cost and inconvenience of the day. Now, would the results justify the cost? What could we reasonably expect from such a visit and such a report? The result can only be approximated. It would vary in widely in the different schools. If the directors were pleased with the teacher and her work, they would, generally, have their interest enough aroused to go to work and try to improve the material conditions of the school. In some cases they might be in a position to give helpful suggestions otherwise, but as a rule this is best left for the teacher and the county superintendent. In cases where the director thought that the teacher "wasn't learning" the children nothing, they would not be likely to show much interest in fixing for the better accommodation of the school. They would say, "Well, we can't do anything about this year, no how, so we can't see that there is any reason to go to any trouble till we get a teacher."

In the greater number of cases, however, the day would doubtless result in improved conditions along one or more of the following lines. How would be put in better repair, better equipped, better furnished, better blackboards and more crayons would be purchased, sanitation would be improved, absence and tardies might be lessened, and there would be a better acquaintance between teacher and director and hence more cooperation in their work. The more silent for quietly listening to the routine of daily recitations might tend to make the school day seem "long enough" to at least a few of the directors, and perhaps would help to hush complaints about letting the little ones

so too early, or letting them out to play too much.

After noting the small cost of such a day, and seeing how it would add to, rather than detract from, the regular school work, and summing up the possible good that might come to our schools as a result of such a day it does seem to me that it is possible for such a day to be made practical.

Short Interviews With the Educators

A Great Summer School.

"We expended \$2,500.00 for railroad fare, for teachers attending our summer school last summer, and we expect to have to spend much more next summer," said Dr. C. M. Light, president of the New Mexico Normal school at Silver City this morning. President Light is proud of his school. Under his direction it has grown from a struggling little school to one of the most efficient normal schools in the west and the growth is going right ahead. He is especially proud of the summer school now nearing its fourth season. Last year 250 teachers were enrolled, and when the 1914 term begins the first Monday in June next, fully 300 teachers are expected to enroll.

"I went into a restaurant for breakfast this morning," said Dr. Light, "and I counted just 16 graduates of our school, all wearing college badges and all to my knowledge laid-

termining their adaptability for various varieties of life.

"I believe I have visited more lakes than any man in the United States," said Mr. Kemmerer this morning. "During the past seven years I have visited and studied more than 200 lakes. I have traveled 6,000 miles by rail, 3,000 miles on foot, 2,000 miles by automobile and 1,000 miles on horseback and by wagon. In a day it is a vacation. It has its pleasant side and the work is most interesting."

A SPLENDID SHOWING

BY LAS VEGAS COLLEGE. Charts drawn by students were used in the display of the New Mexico Normal University at Las Vegas, in the armory, to show the growth of the institution during the past five years. The charts are convincing. "We are proud of these charts for two reasons," said Dr. Frank H. H. Johnson, the president of the Las Vegas college this morning, "because they are students' work and because they show how our school has grown."

The chart shows an increase of 100 per cent in enrollment for the summer school in five years; \$19 per cent increase in the enrollment in actual college work in the same period.

Notes of the Convention

E. L. Beloe, of the Silver City Normal faculty, was an active figure in the convention. He is a member of the State Board of Education which met here this morning.

More than 1,000 teachers enjoyed the special program of the motion pictures at the Crystal theater at 10:30 Tuesday night, as guests of Albuquerque. In spite of the late hour, a large majority of the teachers adjourned from the Elks to the popular home of the movies.

"Only one thing was lacking to make this convention perfect," said a delegate this morning. "Ralph Emerson Twitchell wasn't here."

The library section is a new section of the Educational Association, organized Tuesday morning. It held its first session in the Public Library Wednesday at 9:30. Those interested are: Miss Lilla Bisher, Miss Pauline Madden Albuquerque; Miss Mary C. Cole, El Paso; Mrs. C. A. Redie, of Clarendon; Mrs. J. M. Hefez, Tucuman; Miss Loredo R. Spelman, Clarendon.

Once a school teacher attends a school teacher, Charles W. G. Ward, of Las Vegas, is now a hard working lawyer, a district attorney and some pumping in politics, but he taught school once and he didn't stay away from the convention.

County Superintendent A. Montoya of Albuquerque had one exhibit in the Bernalillo county display of which he is especially proud. It is a portrait, painted by a seven-year-old boy of Martineztown, Professor Montoya thinks it matters him.

County Superintendent L. C. Burt of Torrance county was busy this morning rounding up his party for the journey home. Mr. Burt is proud of the attendance from his county which included 42 out of the 60 teachers under his jurisdiction. He is especially proud of Mr. Burt, who was re-elected treasurer, unanimously, carried away with him \$1200 hard iron dollars, representing 1300 membership fees paid in by the teachers of this week.

J. A. Wood, for many years superintendent of the Santa Fe public schools and a teacher for 44 years, was one of the interested guests of Albuquerque. Mr. Wood has represented his county at educational association conventions for twenty-one years, during which he has not missed a session. He left for home this morning.

BANQUET IN HONOR OF BUSINESS COLLEGE HEAD

J. E. Goodell, president of the Albuquerque Business college, was last night the guest of honor at a banquet tendered by the commercial section of the New Mexico Educational association which was served in the East room at the Alvarado. Prominent commercial educators from all over the state were present, covers being laid for thirty-two. Impromptu speeches in responses to the toasts were made by several of the guests and the affair was one of the most enjoyable and successful of the week.

Have you a cough or cold? Check it before it's too late. Eucalyptus syrup will do it. 50c a bottle at Rupp's.

Full weight and satisfaction guaranteed. New State Coal and Wood Yard, C. E. Kuntz, prop. Phone 35.

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District Schools in Home Community Set Pace For Rural Educational Work in Whole State

BERNALILLO HAS THE BEST AVERAGE SCHOOL TERM

Leads All Counties With Seven and Five Tenths Months During the School Year.

FORTY-SEVEN TEACHERS ARE NOW EMPLOYED

That Bernalillo county rural schools have the longest average term of school in the state was one of the many interesting things about this county brought out at the session of the County Superintendent's section at the Educational Convention this week.

It was shown that the county schools have an average term of 7.5 months, which beats all other counties, Colfax county being second.

Bernalillo county also has the best qualified teachers, one having a life certificate, 12 provisional certificates, 12 first grade, 11 second grade, 5 third grade and 6 permits. The total number of teachers employed is forty-seven, the highest on record in this county. More money has been expended on new modern school buildings than in any other county. Every school has a library; the school buildings are listed as 12 "good" buildings, four "fair" and only three "poor." Nineteen districts own their school buildings. All schools have first-class blackboards and other equipment.

It is believed Alameda has the largest attendance, 73,170 pupils in the week ending there.

Alameda, Montoya, superintendent of schools of this county who acted as chairman of the county superintendent's section during the convention, is justly proud of the progress made in the schools here, and found much interest among outside superintendents and teachers in the methods which have brought about such satisfactory results in this county.

DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG, PRETTY

Sage Tea and Sulphur Darkens so Naturally that Nobody Can Tell.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking for any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.

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Bernalillo County School Exhibit at Armory Most Creditable Showing

Teachers and Pupils Alike Deserving of Commendation for Interesting Display of Handiwork and Brain Work of Boys and Girls in the County.

"I want to take this method," said County Superintendent of Schools Atanasio Montoya today, "of thanking the teachers and the pupils, individually and collectively, for their work in producing the fine school exhibit for this county at the armory during the convention. It meant hard work, co-operation, loyalty and enthusiasm, and considering the fact that all the work was secured during the present month I think it is a showing of which the teachers and the pupils can be immensely proud."

Every school in the valley except one, whose teacher recently resigned, and schools in the mountains as remote as Chilli and San Antonio took part in the interesting exhibit of industrial and literary work in the Bernalillo county section of the armory display. Sewing, embroidery, baskets, blanket weaving, drawing, drawn work, clay modeling, wood working, raffia work and many other kinds of handiwork were represented in the industrial display, showing the greatest skill and ingenuity on the part of the pupils under the teachers' direction. The booth was very attractive, being designed by Mrs. Sarah Hall Moore of the Old Albuquerque school, the booth being nine by fourteen feet, backed with green paper and burlap and adorned with an immense silk banner with the slogan "Bernalillo County." The work of Mrs. O'Connor Roberts, the Bernalillo booth easily attracted the most

attention of them all.

Particularly noteworthy was the display from Chilli, Mrs. Matthews, teacher, from San Antonio, Mrs. Peres, teacher, and from San Antonio, the school there being taught by Miss Chavez. From clear over at Rio Puerco, in San Ignacio district, forty miles west, Miss O'Keefe's pupils sent in a beautiful piece of drawn work; while the larger schools near Alameda, north Fourth street, Old Town and Bernalillo had elaborate and handsome displays. Ranchos de Alamos also had a good display and in fact there was little chance to discriminate, they were all so creditable.

"Next year," said Superintendent Montoya, "we shall have better equipment for the domestic science and industrial work and will show some results that will astonish the state. The work has been barely started—all done during November—and is certainly deserving of the highest praise."

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